

Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), the Restructured Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP), and the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The above Schemes meant for the economic development and empowerment of women are presently being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development in all the States including Arunachal Pradesh. However, during the year 2000-2001, no Scheme exclusively meant for economic development and empowerment of women in the rural areas of Arunachal Pradesh was launched.

Allocation under PMGSY to Special Problem Areas

1931. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under guidelines of PMGSY scheme, 10 per cent of the Diesel Cess funds will be allotted to the "Special Problem Areas", including Districts with increased insurgency threat perception;

(b) whether it is a fact that J&K is the most affected State, which is facing proxy war by Pakistan and it has witnessed mass destruction of its assets and infrastructure by militants; and

(c) if so, will Government allocate maximum funds under the scheme to rehabilitate devastated infrastructure for the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) It is envisaged to earmark a certain portion of funds under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to address the specific requirements of different areas, including the Special Problem Areas and Border Districts, subject to preparation of suitable Project proposals, in accordance with the PMGSY Guidelines and as per the assessment of need, from time to time. Accordingly, proposals from States, including from Jammu & Kashmir, when received, would be expeditiously examined in the light of the Guidelines.